

## **Distinctiveness**

Deeply rooted in the Vedic philosophy of the great mentors and visionaries like Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Mahatma Hans Raj ji, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh upholds the principles of Arya Samaj which envision a society that cultivates strong ethical and moral values, and principles given in the Vedas. The College has, since its inception, endorsed and practiced a system that promotes value-based quality education to shape responsible, compassionate and progressive citizens of the country. A golden legacy of 50 years of this institution has proved beyond doubt that an amalgamation of the best of East and West is the most liberating way of channelizing the young minds.

Committed to the cause of social uplift through education, the Arya Samaj Committee of the College carries out various activities throughout the session to inculcate philanthropic zeal, moral values and social sensitivity among the students. Moreover, believing fervently in the significant role played by women in bringing about a qualitative change in the society, the Arya Yuvti Samaj of the College was constituted. It enshrines the elemental Vedic tenet of Vasudeva Kutumbhkam and service of all. To carry forward the legacy of Arya Samaj and to strengthen the core Vedic values, the students perform Havan on an annual as well as monthly basis. The College works consistently towards the promotion of Vedic Sanskriti, character building and patriotism among its students through various programs such as discourses by Vedic scholars, declamations on issues of social and national relevance, rendition of shlokas, and exhibitions on Vedic books and scriptures, both within the College and at Arya Samaj Centres. The college also runs a Sewing and Stitching Centre at Arya Samaj Mandir, Sector 16, Chandigarh to empower the underprivileged women of society.

With the aim of imparting holistic education in quality ambience, the College also has an in-house yoga instructor to provide yoga lessons to the stakeholders so as to promote good health in a spiritually invigorating environment.

Details of the activities of the Arya Samaj Committee are also available at:

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